

Research in Palliative and End-of-Life Communication and Training (RESPECT) Center: Year 3 2012-2013

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Abstract

The mission of the **Research in Palliative and End-of-Life Communication and Training (RESPECT) Center** is to build a collaborative, interdisciplinary scientific community of researchers and clinicians to work together to advance the science of communication in palliative and end-of-life care across the lifespan.

Center Goals:

- Accelerate the development of innovative descriptive and intervention research trials relevant to communication and decision-making in children, adolescents, adults, and elders with serious and/or life-threatening illness
- Develop new community partnerships for translational science to enhance palliative and end-of-life care research and practice
- Create mentorship opportunities for developing scholars who will become the next generation of productive, passionate palliative and end-of-life care researchers

The RESPECT Center is comprised of 19 faculty, 3 post-doctoral trainees and 3 staff members. Faculty meet twice a month to review and provide feedback to support the development of ideas and submission of research grants. In the 2011-2012 funding year, RESPECT Center faculty submitted 11 grants and received over \$7.9 million dollars in funding, representing an increase of 21 % from the previous year. Additionally, faculty collaborated on the dissemination of findings and published XX articles on palliative and end-of-life care. The Center's Visiting Scholar Series has hosted visits by 7 nationally recognized experts to consult with faculty and share their expertise with the community. On March 1, 2013, the RESPECT Center hosted a one-day statewide conference to bring together researchers and clinicians in Carmel, Indiana. The conference entitled, *Translating Research into Best Practice: Improving Palliative and End-of-life Care*, was attended by approximately 150 participants from 45 organizations. Finally, the RESPECT Center awarded 5 pilot study grants to help researchers develop critically important pilot data and continues to mentor developing scholars interested in the science of communication in palliative and end-of-life care.